

Mount Vernon City Library



Imagine an Open House...

OPEN HOUSE IMAGINING MOUNT VERNON LIBRARY'S FUTURE

WHEN? THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH, 5:00PM- 7:00PM
WHERE? THE MOUNT VERNON CITY LIBRARY

What is your **VISION** for the future of the Mount Vernon Library?

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Who supports the library?

- *You do, through City taxes*
- *The Friends of the Mount Vernon Library*
- *The Mount Vernon Library Foundation*
- *Individuals and organizations who believe in libraries, literacy and the quality of life in Mount Vernon.*

Summer Reading 2014 Preview,

by Beth Bermani



We are gearing up for another free, fun-filled Summer Reading Program full of books, prizes, programs and hidden gnomes! Signups for **Fizz, Boom, Read** begin June 10th, and Geoffrey Castle kicks off the summer with his program **The Violin Rocks** on Friday, June 27th at 3pm. Other great programs coming your way include Radical Reaction--a Pacific Science Center Exhibit, Magician Elliot Hofferth, and Son of Reptile Man!



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Friends of the Mount Vernon Library, by David Johnson, Friends Vice-President

Library patrons with opinions on how the library can better serve Mount Vernon residents are invited to an **Open House** from **5-7pm** on **Thursday, April 10** at the **Library**, located at 310 Snoqualmie in downtown Mount Vernon. Participants are encouraged to share their vision for the future of the Mount Vernon City Library. Regular library service will stop for the day at 5 p.m.

Questions to be considered include:

What is unique to Mount Vernon?

How can the library best support this community?

What library services are most critical to the future of the Mount Vernon Library?

What does the community want from its library?

What role does the library play in the current community?

What role should we aspire to in the future?

Bring your thoughts and ideas and make Mount Vernon's Library even better!



Take advantage of a great way to pick up great reads at rock bottom prices and support your Library at the same time by coming to the semi-annual **Book Sale, April 25 (3-6pm)** and **April 26 (10am-4pm)** at the Fire Station behind the Library. The event, rain or shine, has traditionally been just a one-day event, but we're trying for two this year to meet the demand.

With the sale going over two days, we are in need of volunteers Friday afternoon and all day Saturday, April 25-26. Volunteers will help with load-in and load-out, as well as helping throughout the day by serving as cashiers, helping keep the books presentable throughout the sale, and just supporting the Friends with your help! Please contact Jenny Lee at frndmvlib@gmail.com and let her know when you can help!

Even if you can't volunteer to help, try to come by (it's during the Tulip Festival Street Fair in downtown Mount Vernon) and pick up a book or two!

Imagine an Open House, *continued*, by Brian Soneda

The Open House on April 10 can be seen as a public introduction to the Needs Assessment and Feasibility Study the City has hired SHKS Architects to coordinate and facilitate. But it's also of course an opportunity for you, the public, to let SHKS and us know your thoughts on a new library. Be aware that SHKS and Berk (consultant firm aiding SHKS on this project) are working on a survey that people will be able to access and complete in various places and in various ways, including an online version. Available soon!

But back to "Imagine an Open House" and April 10. Please see the column by Friends of the Mount Vernon Library's Vice President, David Johnson, directly above this article. He shares what topics will come up at the April 10 Open House, as well as exciting news about the new look Friends of the Library Spring Book Sale. See you on April 10 AND April 25-26!

Cool things that happened @ your Library last quarter...



Great, mucky fun at February 24 "Make It Monday" session—library program at Vaux Retreat Center

Mayor Boudreau swears in new library trustee, Laura Riquelme, on January 7.



Jan F. won the "McManus Is a Funny Guy" contest and two tickets to the McManus show on March 22 donated by the Lincoln Theater!

Diane M. won the "Blind Date with a Book" drawing; the prize basket is presented to her by staff members Alisa Kester and Collette Griffith.



2014 April-June Library Events Calendar

(all programs are free and no sign up is required)

Apr 1-May 6	Toddler Storytime, 10:30 am, Tuesdays, 2-3 years.
Apr 1-May 6	Create & Investigate (Art & Science), 4 pm, Tuesdays, 9-12 years.
Apr 2-May 7	Preschool Storytime, 10:30 am, Wednesdays, 3-5 years.
Apr 2-Jun 25	LEGO Building for All Ages, 1-6:30 pm, Wednesdays.
Apr 3-May 8	Teddy Bear Time, 10:30 am, Thursdays, birth-24 months.
Apr 3-May 8	Travels with SKOOB, 4 pm, Thursdays, 6-8 years.
Apr 5-Jun 28	Play & Learn, 10-11:30 am, Saturdays, ages 2-6.
Apr 5, May 3, Jun 7	Tales for Tails, Kids read to certified therapy dogs, 1-2 pm, ages 6-12.
Apr 5-Jun 28	LEGO Building for All Ages, 2-4:30 pm, Saturdays.
Apr 7	Dig Into Spring—Raised Beds & Containers, with David Buchan and Gloria Ellsworth, 6-7 pm.
Apr 10	Imagining Mount Vernon Library's Future OPEN HOUSE, 5-7 pm
Apr 14	Dig Into Spring—Seeds & Starts, with Valerie Rose, 6-7 pm.
Apr 16, May 21, Jun 18	Friends of the Mount Vernon Library meeting, 6 pm.
Apr 17	Early Learning Math Night (<i>at Washington Elementary</i>), 6-8 pm, ages 3-8.
Apr 21 & 28	Dig Into Spring—Know Your Bugs & Integrated Pest Management, with Virginia Link, 6-7 pm.
Apr 24, May 8, Jun 12	Teen Writing Group, 4:30-6:30 pm.
May 3	Free Comic Book Day, 1-4 pm, teens and teens at heart.
May 8, Jun 12	Adult Book Club, 12:30-1:30 pm.
May 10	Full STEAM Ahead: Math, 5-6 pm, ages 3-10.
May 23	Murder Mystery Night, 6-8 pm, teens.
Jun 10	Summer Reading Program signups begin.
Jun 26	Make-It and Take-It: Hunger Games Flame Rings, 5-6 pm, teens.
Jun 27	Summer Reading Kickoff program: Geoffrey Castle—the Violin Rocks!, 3 pm.



Geoffrey Castle

Great Programs @ the Library!

Dig Into Spring

@ the Library

**Everyone Can Grow Veggies!
with the WSU Master Gardeners**

**Free! Inspiration
and Information
Every Monday
in April
@ the Library,
6-7pm**

and

**Science
Technology
Engineering
Art
Math**

**A hands-on program
focusing on STEM
concepts.
Art too!**

May 23, Full STEAM Ahead: Math, 5-6 pm, ages 3-10

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“The Chain of Command”

The library director reports to the Mayor, Jill Boudreau.

The library director is advised by the Board of Trustees. Trustees are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by City Council. Trustees serve 5 year terms. Current Trustees are: Marija Anderson (Secretary), Bill Craig (Chair), Carrie Odlin (Vice Chair), Laura Riquelme and Sharon Sackett.

The library director and library staff serve you, the public.

This newsletter is edited by: Brian Soneda, Library Director

Mount Vernon City Library

Vision Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library - The Heart of Our Thriving Community

Mission Statement:

Mount Vernon City Library promotes lifelong learning by providing access to information and materials that are varied in format and viewpoint. We connect our diverse community through innovative programming and excellent service.

Core Values:

Mount Vernon City Library stands on a foundation of core value including, but not limited to:

<i>Excellent customer service</i>	<i>Relevancy</i>
<i>Patience, understanding and caring</i>	<i>Tolerance</i>
<i>Community leadership</i>	<i>Sensitivity</i>
<i>Helpfulness</i>	<i>Welcoming spirit</i>
<i>Contributor to the community's quality of life</i>	

2014 Library Hours

Monday	10 AM-7 PM
Tuesday	10 AM-7 PM
Wednesday	10 AM-7 PM
Thursday	10 AM-7 PM
Friday	10 AM-5 PM
Saturday	10 AM-5 PM

Holiday and other closures:

January 1	New Years Day
January 20	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
February 17	Presidents' Day
May 26	Memorial Day
July 4	Independence Day
September 1	Labor Day
November 11	Veterans Day
November 27-28	Thanksgiving
December 25	Christmas Day



Spring! (photo by Charlene Patten)

